

REMARKS

Claims 2, 6, 9 and 12 remain pending in this application with claims 1, 2-5, 7, 8, 10 and 11 being cancelled by this response. Claims 2 and 6 have been rewritten to include all of the limitations of base claim 1. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that no new matter is being added by the amended claims. It is further respectfully submitted that no new issues are raised by these amendments.

Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Pich for the courtesy extended in the telephone interview on Tuesday, March 31, 2009. In this interview we discussed accepting all allowed and objected claims and cancelling the non-allowed claims.

Rejection of Claims 1, 3-5, 8, 10 and 11 under 35 USC § 102(e)

Claims 1, 3-5, 8, 10 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Linnartz (U.S. Patent No. 6,314,518).

Claims 1, 3-5, 8, 10 and 11 are cancelled by this response. Therefore, the rejection of claims 1, 3-5, 8, 10 and 11 are now moot and it is respectfully submitted that this rejection has been satisfied and should be withdrawn.

Rejection of Claim 7 under 35 USC § 103(a)

Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Linnartz (U.S. Patent No. 6,314,518) in view of Ichinoi (U.S. Patent No. 6,266,477).\

Claim 7 is cancelled by this response. Therefore, the rejection of claim 7 is now moot and it is respectfully submitted that this rejection has been satisfied and should be withdrawn.

Claim 9 is allowed. Additionally, claims 2, 6 and 12 are indicated as allowable if rewritten to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 2 and 6 have been amended as suggested by the Office Action to include all the

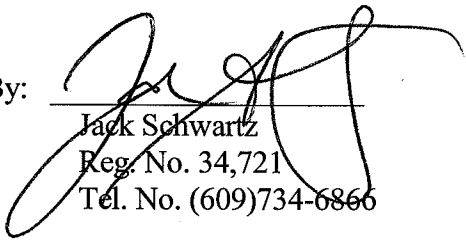
limitations of base claim 1. Additionally, claim 12 is dependent on amended claim 6 and therefore, claim 12 is also considered allowable due to its dependence on claim 6.

Having fully addressed the Examiner's rejections, it is believed that, in view of the preceding amendments and remarks, this application stands in condition for allowance. Accordingly then, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicant's attorney at the phone number below, so that a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview may be scheduled.

No additional fee is believed due. However, if an additional fee is due, please charge the additional fee to Deposit Account 07-0832.

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